

North Central State College
Board of Trustees' Meeting
April 25, 2007
Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The Recorder called the roll.

Present: Dr. Omar Guimaraes
Dr. Pat Hightower
Mrs. Edith Humphrey
Dr. Linda Kafer
Dr. Mehdi Ressallat
Mr. Matt Smith

Absent: Mr. Nathan Ujvari
Mr. Bud Vetter

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Dr. Ronald Abrams introduced Dr. Therese Bushner, Mr. Brad McCormack, Ms. Peg Moir, Mr. Don Plotts, and Ms. Betty Wells representing the President's Staff; Mr. Ted Mecurio and Ms. Beth Price representing the Managers Advisory Council; Mr. Brad Hays representing the Faculty Caucus; Ms. Kristina Karbula and Mr. Jesse Kincaid representing Campus Student Government; and Ms. Diane Hipsher, Mr. Greg Kemp, and Ms. Rachel Patton representing Beta Theta Eta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa; and Mr. John Jordan representing the Ohio State University at Mansfield Board of Trustees.

IV. COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. Matthew Smith read the Mission Statement for North Central State College.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Brad McCormack presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 31, 2007. He stated that revenues for the month totaled \$1,333,339. Expenditures were \$1,316,555 leaving an excess of \$16,784. Year-to-date revenues totaled \$16,201,096. Year-to-date expenditures totaled \$12,846,948 leaving an excess of \$3,354,148. The Star Ohio month-end balance for March 2007 is \$2,939,021. On the March 2007 report, under expenses, Mr. McCormack highlighted the bad debt expense from e-follet and the interest on the Attorney General's collection interest.

ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Edith Humphrey moved for approval of the Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 31, 2007. Dr. Pat Hightower seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brad McCormack provided an update on Mr. Bill Miller's health by stating that he would be coming in from time-to-time on a part-time basis.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair presented the Consent Agenda. On a motion by Dr. Linda Kafer, seconded by Dr. Omar Guimaraes and passing unanimously, the following items were approved:

A. Approval of minutes of March 28, 2007

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Board of Trustees Presentation – *Mr. Matthew Smith*

Mr. Smith recapped his discussion at the March 31st Board Retreat where he pointed out that Diane Hipsher has consistently molded young leaders of the Beta Theta Eta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa over the years since its beginning and took a hand full of individuals that made a strong team, then made them a good team. The accomplishments and accolades of the current leadership would suggest and evidence would show that Diane Hipsher has taken the Beta Theta Eta Chapter to a level that would establish them as an example of a Good Team that has become a Great Team and set them as a good example of "Goodness to Greatness" that others would do well to emulate. In recognition of this accomplishment Mr. Matt Smith presented Diane Hipsher with a framed print of the eight Ohio Presidents for the Beta Theta Eta Chapter from the Board of Trustees.

B. Policy Governance Policy Review – *Mr. Matthew Smith*

Mr. Matthew Smith recapped the discussion at the March 31st Board Retreat where the Board directed that it would conduct a regular review of various Policy Governance Policies at each Board meeting in order to assure that the policies remained up-to-date and properly executed.

Policy Governance Policy – 1.1 Board Goals – Dr. Abrams reported that he had reviewed the Ohio Revised Code to look for any driving aspects that might affect this policy and found none. The Board determined this policy accurate and required no further revisions or additional action.

Policy Governance Policy – 1.2 Board Goals – The Board discussed this policy and determined that while the Board Calendar (referred to in item number four) needed to be reviewed and adjusted periodically, the directive to establish and

adhere to an annual planning calendar remained valid. The Board determined this policy accurate and required no further revisions or additional action.

Policy Governance Policy – 1.3 Community Impact – The Board discussed this policy and determined that each of the aspects presented in this policy were already addressed in other policy areas and was redundant. The Board Chair directed that Policy 1.3 be negated from the NC State Policy Governance Policy.

C. OSU-Mansfield Board Meeting – *Mr. Matthew Smith*

Mr. Matthew Smith reported that no Board member was able to attend the April meeting of the OSU-M Board meeting but called for an attendee for their May meeting. Dr. Linda Kafer indicated that she would check her calendar but was sure she would be able to represent the NC State Board at the May 11th meeting.

D. Discussion of offering the Associate of Arts (A.A.) and Associate of Science (A.S.) Degrees at North Central State College – *Dr. Ronald Abrams*

Dr. Ronald Abrams reported that this topic may come up from ongoing discussion in Columbus. Representative Shawn Webster has had a long-standing interest in issues of articulation and transfer in this area with other institutions. He built this interest from a study that was conducted regarding co-located campuses. Recently, Representative Webster inquired as to the status of articulation and transfer at co-located campuses and did not receive the answer he was looking for. Representative Webster expressed his interest in moving forward with the recommendation of authorizing these co-located technical colleges to offer transfer degrees as well. Recently a group met to discuss whether it was appropriate to authorize the technical colleges to offer the A.A. and/or A.S. degrees and was being considered favorably. Dr. Ronald Abrams and Mr. Matt Smith proposed to conduct a joint meeting with the NC State Board of Trustees and the OSU-M Board of Trustees once decisions have been made in Columbus in order to maintain healthy communications and the positive relationship that has been developed between the two institutions.

E. Nominating Committee – *Dr. Linda Kafer*

Dr. Linda Kafer explained that she had no further report at this time.

VIII. BOARD CHAIRPERSON REPORT- *Mr. Matthew Smith*

A. James W. Kehoe Memoriam

Mr. Matthew Smith announced the passing of long-time Board member, James W. Kehoe. Mr. Smith recapped some of the significant contributions to the College and the community made by Jim and the entire Kehoe family. Mr. Smith finished by reading a memoriam to Mr. James W. Kehoe that had been assembled

by the College for the Kehoe family and called for a moment of silence in his honor.

B. OACC Annual Meeting and Excellence Awards Luncheon (April 23)

Mr. Matthew Smith recapped the highlights of the OACC Excellence Awards Luncheon and Board member Dr. Mehdi Ressallat's recognition for his Excellence in Trusteeship.

C. Focus on the Future 2007 Statewide Trustees Conference (April 23)

Mr. Matthew Smith provided a recap of the April 23rd highlights that featured the Governor's Higher Education Compact. He explained that there was interest in flipping the initially proposed funding percentages and explained that it was clear that higher education was in the forefront of consideration in developing the next budget for Ohio.

D. North Central Ohio Entrepreneurial Hall of Fame (April 27th)

Mr. Matthew Smith reminded the Board of the upcoming Entrepreneurial Hall of Fame. Ms. Betty Wells explained that this year would recognize three prominent honorees and one of which would be recognized posthumously.

E. Other

Mr. Matthew Smith presented a Wall Street Journal article that discussed a lack of a well-educated workforce as being at the root of many of our economic problems today. Mr. Smith called for the article to be distributed to all Board members to ponder.

IX. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Governor Strickland's Higher Education Compact

Dr. Abrams recapped some of the recent discussions regarding the Governor's Higher Education Compact. He shared some of the concerns that if higher education was to achieve the Governor's enrollment increase while freezing tuition there would have to be some provision for new monies to support the growth.

B. Student Loan Scandals

Dr. Abrams explained that the statewide concern was brought on by some instances where Financial Aid personnel were taking kickbacks for directing students to specific fund providers for their financial aid needs.

C. Campus Safety and Security

Dr. Abrams recapped recent situations and discussions and explained that this is an example of a positive association with Ohio State University regarding access to their professional resources. The Ohio State Highway Patrol is our prime response agency. While specific tactics must remain confidential, we need to communicate campus action plans to faculty, staff, and students in the case of such emergencies. The Governor has enacted a task force to review and analyze such plans and Mr. Brian White is to represent the Mansfield campus.

D. 2007 All-Ohio Academic Team Recognition Luncheon (May 2nd)

Dr. Abrams recapped the highlights of the event and introduced Ms. Rachel Patton and Ms. Christine Gleisinger as student representatives from the College in attendance with their families.

E. Director of Foundation Search

Dr. Abrams provided an update on the search and explained that interviews were being conducted beginning May 1st with current candidates.

F. Other

Dr. Abrams explained that budget reports for the Early Headstart Program would become a regular component of the Board's package for information.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair called for an Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. Ms. Edith Humphrey made a motion and it was seconded by Dr. Omar Guimaraes to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters that affect specific personnel. A roll call vote on the motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Dr. Omar Guimaraes- "yes"
Dr. Pat Hightower – "yes"
Mrs. Edith Humphrey- "yes"
Dr. Linda Kafer- "yes"
Dr. Mehdi Ressallat- not present
Mr. Matt Smith- "yes"
Mr. Nathan Ujvari- not present
Mr. Bud Vetter- not present

Upon a motion made by Dr. Omar Guimaraes seconded by Ms. Edith Humphrey to end the Executive Session at 8:31p.m., and to reconvene the regular Board meeting, a roll call vote on said motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Dr. Omar Guimaraes- “yes”
Dr. Pat Hightower – “yes”
Mrs. Edith Humphrey- “yes”
Dr. Linda Kafer- “yes”
Dr. Mehdi Ressallat- not present
Mr. Matt Smith- “yes”
Mr. Nathan Ujvari- not present
Mr. Bud Vetter- not present

The regular meeting of the North Central State College Board of Trustees was declared reconvened.

XI. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fallerius Technical Education Center (149-F).

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair called for any additional business requiring Board action.

ACTION TAKEN: As there was no further business requiring the Board’s consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Linda Kafer and seconded by Ms. Edith Humphrey to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectively submitted:

Mr. Stephen R. Williams, Recorder

Mr. Matthew P. Smith, Chair